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To Medical Procedure Simulation Systems

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (44 pages) and Check #2965 in the amount of \$222.00 for payment of the additional claim fees calculated as shown below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12 - 84 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof,  
and insert the following new claims.

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- 1           -- 85. An interface apparatus for operatively interconnecting peripherals corresponding to  
2 medical instruments to a simulation system to enable a user to interact with the simulation system  
3 to perform a medical procedure on a simulated anatomy of a virtual patient, said interface apparatus  
4 comprising:  
5           a peripheral selectively manipulable by the user and corresponding to a medical instrument;  
6           an orifice for receiving said peripheral;  
7           a capture mechanism for engaging said peripheral to enable said interface apparatus to  
8 measure manipulation of said peripheral; and

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